

# NEWS & VIEWS

FALL 1983

## Bazaar News

This year's annual Bazaar and Bake Sale will be held on Friday, November 11, 1983, in the cafeteria lobby at the medical center. The annual sale is eagerly awaited by the medical center employees and visitors.

Last year's bazaar netted approximately \$1700.00 for the scholarship funds. Items which are most in demand include mittens and slippers for all ages, caps, scarves, sweaters, baby items, and decorations. All donations are tax-deductible. Please include donor's name, address and suggested price. We are currently accepting donations. Please send to:

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**REMINDER:**  
**Homecoming 1984**  
**June 8**  
**Drake Hotel**

## Jane High Barton Award

This year's recipient of the Jane High Barton award for excellence in clinical bedside nursing in the department of medical nursing is Priscilla Bell. Ms. Bell, a BSN graduate of the University of Cincinnati, has been with the department of Medical nursing since 1975.

## President's Message

It is my privilege to serve as your president this year. I would like to share with you my goals for the upcoming year and inform you of some of the activities of your alumni association in the recent past.



JoAnn Young

This award was established on Dec. 30, 1981, in accordance with the wishes of Dr. Evan M. Barton. The recipient's primary quality should be that of excellence in clinical bedside nursing.

Mrs. Barton, a 1924 Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing graduate, was active in direct patient care for 14 years. She was both a staff nurse and a head nurse within the department of medical nursing. This award is to recognize "the qualities of superior bedside person to person nursing" exemplified by Mrs. Barton.

Five thousand dollars was given to the College of Nursing to support the Nursing Archives. We have also pledged \$5,000 per year for the next five years.

We awarded three scholarships this year to junior, senior and graduate nursing students.

We honored the graduates with a breakfast on June 7th. At this time we announced the winner of the Alumni Award to the outstanding graduate in patient care, scholarship and citizenship. The award was presented to Deborah Cook at the Awards Ceremony.

The Christmas Bazaar this past year was a great success. Judy Dombrow is now accepting donations for the upcoming bazaar November 11th.

We appreciate the privilege of working with the Continuing Education Department who made it possible for the Alumni to attend the workshop; "Maladaptive Responses to Physical Illness".

We are proud of these accomplishments and look forward to an even more fruitful year.

My goal for the Alumni Association in these next two years is to increase our membership by twenty-five percent. An association is only as strong as its members. We certainly have the quality we need to continue as a viable organization. Now we must work on the quantity. I ask that each member invite one classmate to join the association. We here at Rush will be working on increasing the enrollment of the new graduates.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all of the Board Members for their support as I assumed this position. Finally, I wish all of the alumni a happy and prosperous year.

JoAnn Young  
President

## Sandy Graves Memorial Scholarship



Debbie Miller

The Sandy Graves Memorial Scholarship was granted to Debbie Miller who is in the master's program with a specialty in Orthopedic Nursing. She exemplifies the high standards that Sandy set in her nursing career.

### Editor's Note

We all enjoy reading about the activities and accomplishments of our fellow alumni. We would appreciate any news you'd like to share with us regarding yourself or your classmates. Along with your "news", we'd also like to hear some of your "views". We will soon be starting a column where our alumni can share their ideas about nursing. So if you feel the urge to expound upon some issue (primary care nursing, self governance, changes in uniform, nursing education) we'd love to hear from you. We also welcome any comments about the new format of our newsletter.

Maryellen Maley  
(Rush 1981)

## "A hospital is held together by the nurses"

As I come to the end of my Presidency of the Medical Center, I am struck anew by the abiding truth expressed by Lewis Thomas, M.D., that a hospital is "held together, glued together, enabled to function as an organism, by the nurses and by nobody else." In this respect, the contributions of the graduates of our College of nursing and of its three great predecessor schools—St. Luke's Hospital Training School of Nursing, the Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, and the Presbyterian-St. Luke's School of Nursing—surely have had an enormous impact on the health of our nation. And in my own experience, meeting with nursing alumni at homecomings and reunions, alumni returning from East and West, North and South, it has been heartwarming to note

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## Nursing Archives

The Nursing Archives was established by the College of Nursing, Rush University, late in 1980. The West Side Medical Center Commission Building at 736 South Ashland Avenue is the current location and all alumni are welcome to visit the collection. (Please call 312 942-5823 to make an appointment.)

An archive is an area utilized for storage of inactive records, manuscripts, papers, and memorabilia which are retained permanently for the benefit of the scholar and posterity. The nursing archives at Rush endeavor to capture a living history of nursing at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center as well as the history of nursing as embodied by the schools of nursing of St. Luke's Hospital (1885-1959), Presbyterian Hospital (1903-1959), and Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital (1957-1968), as well as the College of Nursing, Rush University.

The alumni association is supporting the nursing archives through its pledge of financial support for the next five years. A number of alumni have also supported the archives by contributing memorabilia. I am always pleased to receive any contributions including photographs (please indicate date and who/what is depicted), uniforms, programs, old yearbooks, etc. If you have any questions about whether or not something you have would be appropriate for our collection please contact me. Some of

our treasures include: Miss M. Helena McMillin's Saunders Medal; Adda Eldredge's No. 1 Illinois Nursing License issued in 1909; an alcohol lamp; doll uniform collection; and banner of Pres.-St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing.

I regret that for the present we are not able to lend our collection for exhibit outside of the Medical Center. If I may be of any service to alumni regarding our archival collection please call me.

Ruth E. Johnsen  
Nurse Archivist



Pres. 1933: Mabel Malone Ludvigsen, Kathryn Steigman Schumacher, Margaret Kiddie Kox, Joanne Nelmark Wolf.

### Management by Professional Staff

Paula White, BSN Rush 1980, and now a graduate student at Rush University, became the fourth level D nurse in the medical center last fall. She attributes this recognition to the setting in which she practices nursing. Ms. White, patient care coordinator for 7 South/Atrium, has agreed to share the management concept of her medical unit with us.

Three years ago, when the head nurse of the unit resigned, it was decided that a new management concept be implemented on the unit; management by professional staff. In this system there is a unit management group (UMG) which consists of representatives of all levels of nurses on the unit. (Rush utilizes a leveling system for nurses from A to D.)

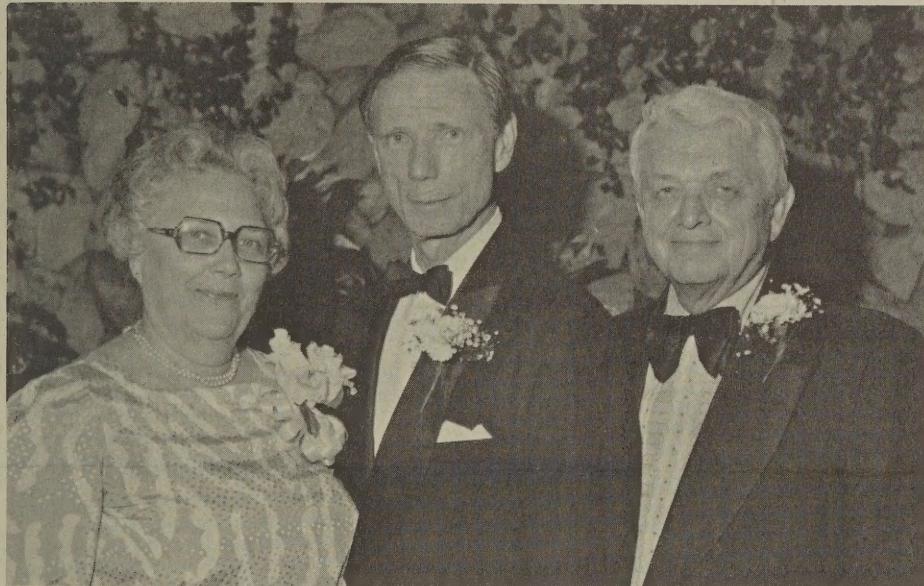
Functions for the management of the

unit include: scheduling, peer review/evaluation, interviewing/hiring, continuing education, orientation, and patient care coordination. Rather than having one "head" nurse be accountable for all of these tasks, the unit management group shares the responsibilities.

Nominations are taken and all staff members vote from the list of nominees. These positions are held for a period of one year. The UMG meets monthly and the representatives report on progress in their particular area. Accomplishments and concerns are discussed.

This system of self governance allows the staff members to gain experience in management tasks without sacrificing patient care involvement. "We have found that this system works well for our unit. Our staff turn-over rate is low. The staff perceives unit goals to be their goals, as they have a major day to day role in developing and achieving them."

# Homecoming 1983



Speakers at Homecoming: JoAnn Young, R.N., James A. Campbell, M.D., Luther Christman, R.N., Ph.D.

Approximately 185 people shared in the lovely Homecoming Banquet at the Palmer House this year. Members of the 50 year classes were the honored guests. Members from the classes of 1943, 1948, 1953, and 1963 from all three schools were also there sharing memories with old friends.

A slide program was presented by Dr. Campbell, president of the medical center, entitled "A Bridge Across Three Centuries". He spoke about 100 years of progress at the medical center.

The Rush Medical College also held their reunion at the Palmer House. During the cocktail hour members of the Medical College Alumni came to

visit and spend time with old friends.

A lovely tea was given at the 500 Club by the Rush College of Nursing for members of the Nurse's Alumni Association and their friends.

We received gifts from the anniversary classes and the California Group for the scholarship fund. We thank them for their generosity. Their gifts will enable nurses in financial need to complete their educations.

We spent a very pleasant evening sharing fond memories and discussing new experiences. We look forward to seeing all of you next year at Homecoming on June 8th.



St. Luke's 50 year class

## News From Old Friends . . .

**T. Oscarena Lonnquist** has been retired from school nursing for the past 13 years. She welcomes contact from any 13th General Hospital (WW II) nurses. 7310 Mai Tai Drive, Mai Tai Village, Orlando, Fl., 32807. (Presbyterian, 1925)

**Martha Park**, Presbyterian 1927, was named woman of the year on April 26, by the Wheaton Park District. Ms. Park was a supervisory nurse at Pres. for many years. Although she is retired from nursing, Martha continues to devote herself to helping others through her many volunteer activities.

Retired in Arcola, Illinois, **Phyllis Seanan Johnson** (St. Luke's 1928), welcomes letters from fellow classmates. Arcola Nursing Home, Arcola, Il., 61910.

**Tonnetta L. Martin** (St. Luke's, 1934), is planning the homecoming for the 50 year grads of St. Luke's. Please send any names and addresses of 1934 classmates to the alumni association.

**Mary Jane Barclay Judd**, St. Luke's 1945B,) has been in and out of the nursing field while raising her family. She is presently with the local registry on call staff relief at Acute Hospital in San Jose, California.

**Lt. Colonel Beverly E. Bochman**, (St. Luke's 1945B) resides in San Antonio, Texas. She retired in 1971 from the U.S. Army where she was the Director of the School of Anesthesiology, Brooke General Hospital. She received her BSN at the University of Pittsburgh and a Masters in Education at Trinity University.

**Roberta Funk Dwyer**, Pres. St. Luke's 1963, was employed as an industrial nurse with Eastman Kodak in Oak Brook. The company transferred Roberta to Rochester, New York, where she is presently a Distribution Systems Analyst.

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## We Need Your Help

We are continually trying to update our class lists. There is a particular problem regarding non-members of the alumni association. Please take a few minutes to pull out your address books and send any names (first, last and maiden) and addresses that you have. Send all information to Marian Gossard at Alumni Post Office number.

how this long tradition has been kept alive and handed down to new generations across the country.

But, as someone has said, home is where you start from and I would encourage all of our nursing alumni to spend a few moments reflecting on what it means to come out of this tradition. RPSLMC today is both a showcase for nursing education and for nursing care as well. Having shared in these experiences, our alumni will always be special in a way few other can be. It is a distinction to be cherished, and nurtured.

I would be most appreciative if you could share these thoughts with the members of the Nursing Alumni Association. They have preserved a most precious heritage and I want them to know how much I have admired their achievement.

Sincerely,  
James A. Campbell, M.D.

#### Old Friends (Cont.)

**Carol Katt Harris** Presbyterian, 1952) was honored as "The 1982 Mesa Woman of the Year", at a banquet on February 8, 1983 in Mesa Arizona. Classmate **Joy (Kitzenberger) Beanland** and her husband **Rev. Gayle Beanland** of Sun City, Az. attended the banquet. Included among Carol's accomplishments are: starting a kindergarten for disadvantaged children, working on the United Nation's Committee and Foreign Student group, Church teacher and officer. Carol is married to **Dr. Clifford Harris** and is the mother of 8 children.



1983 Alumni Board Members

**Dorothy Rogers Williams**, PHSN 1921, died in Cleveland, Ohio, March 12, 1983. Mrs. Williams directed the Pres. Hospital School of Nursing between the years 1939 and 1941. Prior to this time she was an assistant professor of nursing at the University of Chicago. She authored a book: *Administration of Schools of Nursing*. She was also a professor of Nursing and Director of John Sealy College of Nursing, University of Texas, Galveston. She also served as Superintendent of Nurses, Barnes Hospital, St. Louis.

#### Annual Meeting

The date of the annual meeting has been changed to Monday, November 7, 1983. The location will be announced later. A special program, "A Bazaar Preview", will be given by Judith Dombrow, Bazaar chairman.

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